



The Tiger's Tale

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Everything You Need to Know About Phi Theta Kappa

by Robert Duncan

As many of you know, Phi Theta Kappa held a voter registration event from October 3-5. I know we have a lot of freshmen this year who do not know what Phi Theta Kappa is or what it can do for you. I had my own questions as well, so I sat down with the Faculty Director Dr. Art Fowler and the PTK President Serena Carroll to find out the essentials.

Faculty Director Dr. Fowler

Q. What exactly is Phi Theta Kappa, and what does it do for the school?

A. PTK is an international honors society for two-year colleges. Our chapter, Delta Zeta, is the oldest in the state of Tennessee. It provides opportunities for students in the area of scholarships, leadership, and service. The students act as ambassadors within the community, like how they have adopted the local head start in town; students have parties with the children for holidays like Halloween and Valentine's day, and they even hosted an Easter egg hunt on campus in the Grove. Students are also eligible for scholarships both here and at another school.

Q. What are the membership requirements for Phi Theta Kappa? Is there any way there could be an exception to these requirements?

A. Students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.5 for twelve credit hours and a GPA of at least 3.2 for twenty-four credit hours. They must also be a good campus citizen. The program works on a self-report system: you are obligated to tell the Faculty Director if your GPA drops, and you have one semester to bring it back up. There really are no exceptions to the requirements.

Q. How can students benefit from being in PTK?

A. Students are eligible for scholarships while in PTK. They also get the chance to take leadership roles and perform different services. They also have a chance for fellowship and friendship with other students. They will have an opportunity to interact with other chapters and go to re-

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Hiwassee College students recently attended the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society's Tennessee Regional Convention held at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville. Seated are: (L to R) Serena Carroll, Abel Carrico and Nicole Hoover. Standing are: (L to R) Giovanna Donnithorne-Tait, Dr. Art Fowler and Sebastian Michalski

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gional meetings and conventions, like the one we attended last semester in Nashville. Our chapter recently hosted an Honors in Action academy at Maryville College; we had a turn out of about 50-60 students and advisors from across the state.

Q. Are there any particular events sponsored by PTK that students have enjoyed, or are there any that you would like to bring back?

A. We would really like to start working with the Head Start in town again. The students really enjoy it, and they always seem to “adopt” one of the kids there. The children enjoy it a lot too. There is also a project that we did a few years ago where we made stress kits for students; it was a fundraiser and service project for the students.



**PTK President
Serena Carroll**

Q. What made you want to be president of PTK?

A. I realized that I wanted to be really involved in PTK when we went to the international conven-

tion. After seeing how everything worked I couldn't help but to get involved.

Q. What events would you like to see happen that you believe would help benefit PTK? Are there any that you would like PTK to sponsor?

A. I would really like to see more people become interested in PTK. I would also like to have a benefit concert for our Honors in Action camp that we did recently; we had planned to do it before, but we were unable to.

Q. How do you think PTK should reach students? In what ways do you believe PTK helps students?

A. I think that we should advertise to students more by hanging up fliers and announcing it during chapel. Many students this year are seeing that it is not just an honors society. PTK helps students by offering scholarship opportunities, boosting their confidence, helping them grow socially, and giving them an opportunity to connect with people on other campuses as well as internationally.

Q. As a student, are there any parts of PTK that you would want to see changed?

A. I would really like to see how people's opinions have changed about PTK. I would also like to see more people become active in PTK on campus.

The Story Behind Josh Brooks

by **Danielle Proulx**

Josh Brooks is one of the new professors on campus this year at Hiwassee College. Josh was unaware of Hiwassee until August of this year. Who made him aware? Art Fowler is the answer to that question.

Josh had just completed his Master's degree in Education, and was looking for a teaching job when Art Fowler contacted him. Josh was later interviewed, and made the decision to sign the contract and climb on board here at Hiwassee.

As far as Josh's future goals, he is looking forward to “building Hiwassee.” He is also looking forward to earning his Doctorate Degree in either Education or Mathematics.

I asked Josh, “What do you like about Hiwassee?” He said, “I like the closeness. I like having a smaller amount of students. It's like our students are our family here.”

There isn't one thing that Josh could name off the top of his head that he didn't like about Hiwassee. He joked, “I can't think of anything. Maybe it's the newness. It hasn't worn off yet, so I still like everything.” When Josh has free time, he likes to ride his motorcycle, go to the movies, and listen to local music. He likes to just travel in general.

After my interview with Josh, he seems like a down to earth, relaxed kind of guy. In class, he is all about making us learn the lovely functions and equations that we students feel we will never use again in our lives. Outside of class, he is just laid back and likes to enjoy life.

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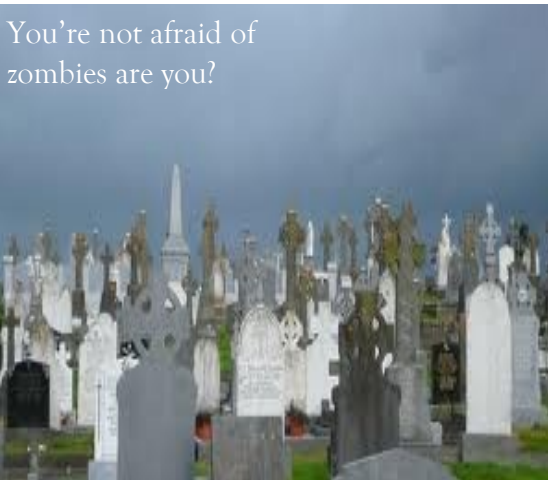
-Josh Brooks



I know the majority of you have all heard the song “Gangnam Style.” And I’m sure you all walk around doing the dance, and singing along. Don’t deny it! You know you practice the dance in your mirror at home!

The music video for Gangnam Style debuted on July 15th, and the view count quickly sky-rocketed. After the video reached 12 million views, Psy caught the attention of Scooter Braun, who also manages Justin Bieber, The Wanted, Cody Simpson, and Carly Rae Jepsen.

Scooter signed Psy in September of 2012, and his career has now gone from Korea to worldwide! The Gangnam Style video has over 500 Million Views on YouTube, and is the “Most Liked” YouTube video of all time. Even though the song only has about 5 or 6 words sung in English, the song is still so catchy!



You’re not afraid of zombies are you?

Have you seen anything creepy today? It’s said that spirits appear more often on Halloween, since the veil between the worlds of the living and dead is the thinnest, so pay attention just in case you see anything unexplainable before the day is up.

If you feel like exploring this possibility a little bit, try going to the girls’ dorm on the third floor. There’s a rumor that a ghost named Meredith haunts that area, and some students claim to have seen her.

Miata Mathis, a student here at Hiwassee, is one of these eye-witnesses. She says that last year, after hearing about the rumor, she and a friend went to check it out. They first heard footsteps, even though they were alone. When they turned around, there was a dark, blurry figure moving towards them, so they took off down stairs.

How many of our classmates actually believe this story or any of the others? According to a quick survey, 34% of our fellow students say they do believe in ghosts, while an almost equal 33% say they do not. The remaining 33% say that they are open to the idea of paranormal beings.

Dr. Robert Allan, a professor at the school, has actually led a couple of paranormal investigations around campus. Although he says that he has never seen any signs of ghosts in the dorms, he has seen one on the way to class.

In a field not too far from here, at 7:30 on a cold, rainy morning, he noticed what he thought was a girl dressed in sweats bending over to pick something up. As he drove closer, the girl looked up at his car then vanished into thin air. Even after researching and ex-

ploring the area, Dr. Allan never found out who the girl was.

So there you have it. Is there any truth to these accounts? Multiple people, students and faculty alike, claim to have seen ghosts on and near campus. Should we be more cautious today, since it’s supposedly easier for ghosts to enter our world? It’s up to you to decide what you believe, but it never hurts to be careful. Happy Halloween.

LIFE AND TIMES OF A TYPICAL COLLEGE KID

BY CHRISTY JOHNSON



Four More Years, of the Same? by Andrew Hansen



It's so important to separate facts from opinions, especially in politics. I'm not here to talk about policies nor discuss my beliefs. I'm simply here to state facts, followed by an opinion due to these facts..

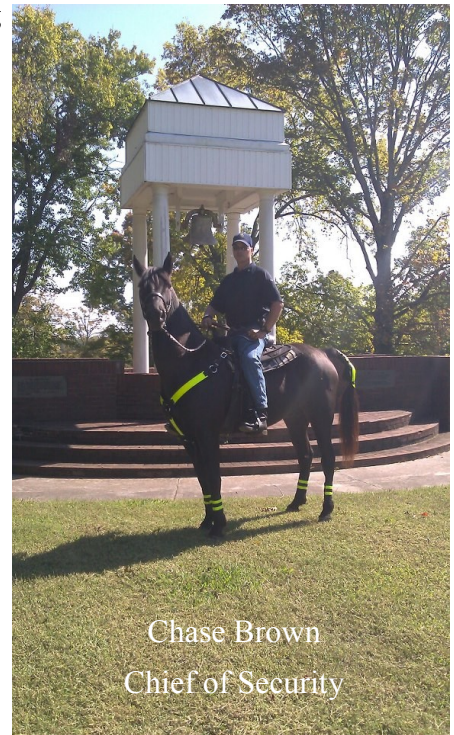
President Obama was elected president in 2008, after George W. Bush's era. It's now 2012 and America has seen hardly a 'change.' Gas prices, the rate of

poverty, food stamp use, and federal debt are worse today than when Obama took office. The unemployment rate, personal income, and stock market are somewhat improving now though after getting worse to begin with.

One of the major issues that stood out for me is the casualties of our soldiers. U.S. troops' deaths from the war in Afghanistan reached 1,000, which means nearly two-thirds of the U.S. fatalities in the war have occurred during the Obama administration. This administration has managed the war for only a mere quarter of its duration.

I don't agree with everything Mitt Romney believes in, but I still would like to go in a different direction than President Obama. Even some of Obama's once-supporters who voted for him in 2008 have turned a different direction. Can't blame them.

Now that the 2012 presidential debates are finalized, I have an even stronger belief that America will be better off without Obama in office. Having said that, it's still an election of lesser-evils. Who's it going to be America? Choose wisely.



Chase Brown
Chief of Security

Security Response by: Will Horton

In order to be fair to Hiwassee College and those involved with getting tickets, Chase Brown was interviewed in order to show another side of why this is a positive action for Hiwassee Students.

According to Chase, there is not a group on campus that is singled out by this ticketing. At first glance, it would appear as if the security department had a problem with the boys, since Tom Black parking lot is in plain view from so many spots on campus. However, our security team has pulled over more than just freshman baseball players. A few girls and a staff member have been pulled over as well. A sports team on this campus has been pulled over together when getting back from a game. No one is getting singled out. Anyone and everyone could get pulled over. Even Dr. Tricoli.

Chase makes a good case for keeping this up and going. For two cars going in different directions on the road in front of the gym, it's pretty narrow for them to get by each other. It's safer for cars going down the hill from the science building or library to go all the way around the gym. Also, we're teaching students to be adults. When they are pulled over on campus, they must act responsible and intelligent as they would to a police officer in the real world.

If you have already paid for tuition, room, and board it seems a little ridiculous to give Hiwassee more money for something like going the wrong way on a one way. It is a lot cheaper, however, to get pulled over here than out in town. At Hiwassee it is just a little fine, and it won't hurt your status as a driver with points. .

Hopefully, people will soon get adjusted and start doing something in advance in order to avoid getting a ticket. All in all, the blue lights are going nowhere. They will be here and someone will be watching.

When Your Ladder Breaks by Robert Duncan

Todd and Mackenzie's relationship has soared over the past month. People around campus hardly ever see them apart, and everyone is enjoying it; except one person: Mackenzie's ex-boyfriend. This is part four of the story "Look My Way", continued from Volume One of the Fall 2012 Tiger's Tale.

Todd looked down at her, and their eyes met. They both broke out in a smile. *I'm going to pursue this girl, and I shall have her. Whatever it takes.*

"Tomorrow is one month!" Mackenzie pulled the pillow off of the couch and sat down next to Todd. He wrapped his arm around her and pulled her close. "What do you want to do tomorrow?"

"I don't know. What is there to do in town?" *Angel's*? "How about *Angel's*?" Todd looked down at her.

"That sounds great!" Mackenzie beamed with joy. "I have a new dress I've been dying to wear." Her smile widened. "What are you going to wear?"

Why is it that when I get to the top of the ladder, the entire thing breaks?

Todd mulled it over. "You'll just have to see." He smiled down at her. "I can't wait to see your dress." *She looks stunning in everything; I bet a dress would kill me!* "Want to leave around eight?"

"That sounds great."

Todd stood outside the girl's dorm and waited for Mackenzie. *My patience is horrible.* Mackenzie came running down the stairs and met Todd at the door. *WOW!! Perfect 10!!*

Mackenzie twirled around for Todd. "What do you think?"

Todd could barely fit his smile on his face. "You look fantastic!"

Mackenzie blushed. "Thank you." She smiled a tiny smile.

Dinner was excellent. They both ordered the chicken alfredo, and both were satisfied. The ride back was filled with laughter and song, mainly Todd making fun of "Call Me Maybe." When they were back on campus, things took a turn for the worse.

Outside the girl's dorm, a tall figure was walking back and forth with a bottle in his hand. Todd could hear Mackenzie gasp.

The figure walked up to the jeep and knocked on the driver side window. Mackenzie ignored him. Her voice was shaking when she spoke. "Go away Clarence. I don't want to talk to you."

Clarence tapped on the window again. Mackenzie shook her head. "I'm not opening the door until you move."

Todd looked through the window; you could tell that he was drunk. "I'll handle this." He went to open the door, but Mackenzie pulled it shut.

"Please don't get out of the car." Mackenzie's voice was weak.

He pushed her hand away. "I'll be fine." *I've seen my dad*

drunk so much that this should be a cake walk. He got out of the car and strode over to Clarence. "How can I help you sir?"

Clarence spoke, and his speech was slurred. "You can help by leaving her alone." He pointed to Mackenzie. "She's coming with me." He stepped towards the car, but Todd cut him off.

"I don't think so." Todd stood his ground. Clarence pushed past him.

"Good luck stopping me now." He felt a weight on his back. Todd was clutching his neck and flailing his legs. Clarence reached behind him and threw him to the ground. He was about to kick him, but Mackenzie stopped him.

"I'll come with you!! Just don't hurt him more." She moved closer to Clarence. "It's okay; I'm coming with you." As they were walking away, Clarence spit on the now gasping Todd.

As Todd lay motionless, he thought one thing: *Why is it that when I get to the top of the ladder, the entire thing breaks?*



2012-2013 Men's and Women's Basketball by Andrew Hansen

The men's basketball team at Hiwassee College recently played their first regular season game down in Jacksonville, Florida on the 26th and 27th of October. They played in a 2 day tournament to get things started. Coach Nelson explained that he was excited about the trip. "I'd been looking forward to this opportunity since the summer. I was ready to see these kids play and grow as basketball players and also grow as men."

The Tigers are led by returning junior point guard, Justin Browner from Marietta, Georgia. When Browner was asked what he expects the team to gain from playing good competition in this tournament to open the season, he made it clear success was in his plans by saying, "We need to come back to Madisonville with more experience. You can always get better from experience."

The team came back Monday to face Bryan College in Dayton, TN. Tip-off was at 7:30 P.M. ET.

For the Women's team, this will be their first season under Coach Junior Johnson. The Lady Tigers are led by Bethany Allen, senior standout from Polk County, Tennessee. Bethany was asked what she liked about the new coach and she responded easily, "Johnson actually has a heart for the game. He cares about the team."

Allen also explained that he had done so much already for a number of the girls, just giving them an opportunity to play at the next level. "Coach is teaching us skills and discipline that we can use on the hardwood and also in our daily lives."

The school and most importantly the team are very excited about Coach Johnson and the season.

The Starving College Kid's Guide to Cooking (With Ramen) by Christy Johnson

Chicken Soup

1 pack chicken flavored Ramen
1 chicken breast
1 tbsp butter
2 cups chicken broth

Cook chicken with butter and flavor packet in a skillet. Boil broth in a pot and cook Ramen in broth on reduced heat. When finished, put chicken in pot and enjoy!

Homecoming 2012 Schedule

(See www.hiwassee.edu for full schedule)

Friday, November 16

VW Boys in Concert: 7:30 p.m. in Butcher Auditorium. *All proceeds go towards the Hiwassee College Auditorium Renovation Fund!*

Saturday, November 17

Homecoming Parade: 10:30 a.m. in Downtown Madisonville

Tiger Tailgate: 12-3 p.m. on the Hiwassee College Quad

Lady Tigers Basketball: 3 p.m. in the Rudy Youell Sports Complex

Homecoming Court: 4:45 p.m. in the Rudy Youell Sports Complex

Tigers Basketball: 5 p.m. in the Rudy Youell Sports Complex

Evening Activities on the Quad: 7:30 p.m. on the Hiwassee College Quad

Sunday, November 18

Morning Worship: 11 a.m. in Buckner Memorial Chapel



Pizza

1/2 cup Ragu Pasta Sauce
1 1/2 cups mozzarella
3 packs Ramen (discard flavor sauce)
Any toppings you like
Preheat oven to

375 ° and cook Ramen as instructed on packet, but without the flavor packet. Drain noodles and put them in a round, 2 in. deep, baking pan.

Pour on sauce then cheese and toppings. Bake for 20 minutes or until cheese turns brown. SO GOOD!!